

CLAIMS

1. A display system for displaying web pages accessible via a network, the display system comprising:

a computer system configured to send requests for web pages via the network to web page sites, the computer system configured to receive web pages via the network from web page sites;

a display having display controls and a plurality of non-overlapping display areas having adjustable sizes, the plurality of non-overlapping display areas having a collective size equal to the sum of the non-overlapping display areas, each non-overlapping display area having independent display area controls and configured to independently display a web page received by the computer; and

a sizing control operable by a user to adjust the sizes of the display areas simultaneously with one control action while maintaining the collective size of the plurality of non-overlapping display areas.

2. The display system of claim 1 wherein the computer system executes only one instance of a software program involved with sending the web page requests and receiving and displaying web pages.

3. The display system of claim 1 wherein the computer system includes a modem for accessing the network.

4. The display system of claim 1 wherein the computer system includes a network controller for accessing the network.

5. The display system of claim 1 wherein the display controls are configured to activate a group of the display areas to display a web page from a list of web page sites selected from a plurality of lists of web page sites, the computer configured to store the plurality of lists of web page sites.

6. The display system of claim 5 wherein the display controls include a control configured to designate a display area as not being part of the group of the display areas.

7. The display system of claim 5 wherein each display area of the group of display areas displays in a predetermined order a web page from the selected list of web page sites.

8. The display system of claim 7 wherein the selected list of web sites has a sequence and the predetermined order of display for one display area is different from the sequence of the selected list of web sites.

9. A display system for displaying web pages, the display system comprising:

a display having display controls and a plurality of non-overlapping display areas, each display area having independent display area controls and configured to independently display a web page, each display area having a size; and

a sizing control operable by a user to alter the sizes of the display areas simultaneously with one control action.

10. The system of claim 9, further including a software program configured to be executed in one instance to provide support including communications support for all of the display areas.

11. The system of claim 9 wherein the sizing control includes a graphical object on the display and the one control action is movement of the graphical object by the user using an input device.

12. The system of claim 9 wherein a total area of the plurality of non-overlapping display areas remains constant.

13. The system of claim 9 wherein the display controls of the display includes a designator control operable by a user to designate the number of the plurality of non-overlapping display areas.

14. The system of claim 9 wherein the display controls of the display comprises refresh, stop, home, and search controls.

15. The system of claim 9 wherein the independent display area controls each comprise controls selected from a list of controls comprising back, forward, stop, refresh, search, and web page selection.

16. The system of claim 9 wherein the web pages include Internet web pages.

17. The system of claim 9 wherein the display controls of the display include a drag and drop control, the drag and drop control configured to drag and drop a uniform reference locator from a first display area into a second display area, the second display area configured to display a web page associated with the dropped uniform reference locator.

18. The system of claim 9 wherein the display controls of the display include a drag and drop control, the drag and drop control configured to drag and drop a uniform reference locator from a portion of the display other than the overlapping display areas into a display area, the display area configured to display a web page associated with the dropped uniform reference locator.

19. A method of displaying web pages comprising:
requesting web pages from web page sites;
receiving the requested web pages from web page sites;

displaying the requested web pages wherein the requested web pages are displayed in a non-overlapping manner in a display area having a size;

changing the size of a first web page displayed in response to a sizing control command; and

resizing the web pages other than the first web page to maintain the size of the display area of all the web pages.

20. The method of claim 19, further comprising:

dragging a uniform resource locator from a portion of the display;

dropping the uniform resource locator on to one of the displayed web pages; and

displaying a web page from a web page site associated with the uniform resource locator.

21. The method of claim 19, further including:

executing only one instance of a software program that manages the method of displaying web pages.

22. The method of claim 19 wherein requesting web pages is done with one control action for all requested web pages.

23. The method of claim 19, further comprising:

selecting a uniform resource locator with a single action of an input device controlling a cursor;

repositioning the cursor over one of the displayed web pages; and

displaying a web page from a web page sit associated with the uniform resource locator.

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